(c) what steps Government propose to take to keep up the tourist traffic in these cities?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV-RAO SCINDIA): (a) In a report of the World Health Organisation under the United Nations Environment Programme, Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta have been included in the list of cities polluted by sulphur dioxide and suspended particulates. However, the Government is not aware of any advices issued by the International bodies to tourists to avoid visiting these cities.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Direct Flight to South Africa by Air India

4178. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved a proposal permiting Air India to have direct link with South Africa; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHA-RAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

Irregularities by Officials of I.T.D.C.

4179. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received a Memorandum on the 19th August, 1992 from a Member of Parliament of Lok Sabha in connection with certain serious irregularities by senior officials of ITDC;

(b) whether the reported irregularities have since been got investigated by an outside agency after shifting the suspected officials from their key positions; and

(c) if so, what are the details of irregularities and the action taken by Government on the investigation report?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV-RAO SCINDIA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On the basis of the Memorandum received from the Member of Parliament, a Prima facie case of committing irregularities by one of the ITDC's officers has been established. ITDC Management has initiated disciplinary action against the said officer.

Functioning of rapid exit taxi project at Bombay

4180. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rapid exit taxi project of the International Airport Authority of India at Bombay has failed to take off; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for non-implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV-RAO SCINDIA): (a) The rapid exit taxi track at Bombay was commissioned in November, 1991 and is in use.

(b) Does not arise.

Residential Accommodation of I.T.D.C. Executives

4181. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of such Hotel General Manager/Managers and other Executives of I.T.D.C. who have their own residential accommodation/House at the Station/Place of their posting, but the same is rented out and are occupying I.T.D.C. Hotel Rooms, Company Owned/Leased Flats/Houses, as their residential accommodation as on date; and

(b) what are the reasons for allowing the above stated I.T.D.C. officials to have their residence in ITDC Hotels, Company owned/leased houses, when majority of ITDC Executives have been allowed

H.R.A. as per the recommendations of HFPC Report ranging from 15 to 30 percent on their Basic Pay per month?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Nine executives of ITDC in Delhi who have their own residential accommodation, have been provided with company owned/leased accommodation.

Similar information in respect of out station units of ITDC is being collected and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

(b) Keeping the operational duties attached to the posts in view, ITDC provides residential accommodation to its General Managers/Managers of Hotels and other senior officers under the rules of the Corporation.

Appointments in ITDC

4182. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of persons, their age, basic qualification, past experience, scales of pay and duties and responsibilities, who were appointed by ITDC Headquarters on Supervisory and Executive Posts during January, 1998 to March, 1992;

(b) whether it is a fact that in most of the cases, the appointment in ITDC were made just to oblige some influential persons rather than their actual needs in ITDC;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative what, are the details of those persons except those appointed on compassionate grounds, indicating family background of each and the justification of posts to which he/she is appointed during the above period;

(d) whether Government propose to hold an impartial inquiry to see as to how the posts to favour a few have been created, abolished, upgraded, downgraded, transferred and filled up in ITDC during Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The appointments to supervisory as well as executive posts in ITDC are made in accordance with the provisions of the ITDC Recruitment, Promotion and Seniority Rules and are based on the requirements of the Corporation.

During the period from January, 1988 to March, 1992, 30 Executives and 4 Supervisors were appointed in ITDC.

(d) and (e) The posts are created, abolished, upgraded, downgraded, transferred and filled up in ITDC in accordance with the commercial requirement of the ITDC.

Economy Measures in expenditure incurred by ITDC

4183. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any instructions to the Management of ITDC to observe strict economy measures in non-Plan expenditure;

(b) whether Government have set up any machinery to ensure that such instructions are scruplously observed; and

(c) if so, what are the details of savings achieved in the expenditure as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Periodic review of performance of ITDC is undertaken by the Government.

(c) The details of turnover, revenue expenditure and percentage of expenditure